

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/017800

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ G02B5/30, G11B7/135

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	JP 2001-101700 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.), 13 April, 2001 (13.04.01), Full text; all drawings & WO 01/16627 A1 & EP 1126291 A1 & EP 1126291 B1 & EP 1385026 A1 & US 6580674 B1 & US 2003/0123371 A1 & US 2003/0174631 A1 & DE 60015289 E	1-8
Y	JP 2001-311821 A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.), 09 November, 2001 (09.11.01), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-8

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☐ See patent family annex.

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Y	JP 2002-341290 A (Sumitomo Special Metals Co., Ltd.), 27 November, 2002 (27.11.02), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-3
Y	JP 2001-159744 A (Kyocera Corp.), 12 June, 2001 (12.06.01), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-3
Y	JP 2001-272542 A (Nitto Denko Corp.), 05 October, 2001 (05.10.01), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	5-8
Y	JP 2003-270435 A (Nippon Zeon Co., Ltd.), 25 September, 2003 (25.09.03), Full text; all drawings & US 2003/0151705 A1 & US 6747720 B2	1, 4, 7

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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1. The special technical feature of the invention group in claims 1-4 is a wavelength plate comprising at least two phase difference films, wherein phase difference films are not bonded to each other at a laser-beam-transmitting portion.

2. The special technical feature of the invention group in claims 5-8 is a wavelength plate comprising at least two laminated phase difference films and a glass substrate laminated on at least one surface of the laminated phase difference films, wherein phase difference films and a phase difference film and a glass substrate are respectively laminated and fixed by different adhesives selected from adhesives (A), (B).

However, since a wavelength consisting of at least two phase difference films itself is a well-known product, there exists no matter common to the above groups of inventions that can be considered to be a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence, and these groups of inventions are not a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

Therefore, the groups of inventions are not related so as to fulfill the requirement of unity.